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In re patent application of:)	
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Serial No. 10/634,245)	Group Art Unit
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Filed August 5, 2003)	
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NON-METALLIC IMPLANT DEVICES)	
AND INTRA-OPERATIVE METHODS)	
FOR ASSEMBLY)	

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT
SUBMITTED UNDER 35 USC §121

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Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

In response to the Office Communication dated February 8, 2005, please consider the following.

Additionally, please provide any extensions of time that may be necessary, and charge any fees that may be due to Deposit Account No. 23-3030, but do not include payment of issue fees that are or may become due.

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REMARKS

In a communication dated February 8, 2005, a restriction to one of the following patentably distinct species was required under 35 USC §121:

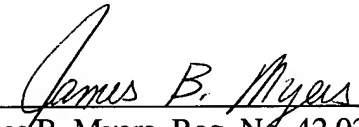
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| I. Fig. 1 | VI. Fig. 8 | XI. Fig. 14A |
| II. Figs. 2-4 | VII. Figs. 9A, 9B | XII. Fig. 14B |
| III. Fig. 5 | VIII. Figs. 10A, 10B, and 11 | XIII. Fig. 15 |
| IV. Figs. 6A, 6B | IX. Fig. 12 | XIV. Fig. 16 |
| V. Fig. 7 | X. Fig. 13 | XV. Fig. 17 |

In response, Applicants elect to prosecute the patentably distinct species illustrated in Fig. 8. Claims 7, 9, 10, 13, 14, 24-29, and 34-50 read at least on the species illustrated in Fig. 8.

Applicants respectfully request timely examination of this application leading to allowance of all elected claims. The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned attorney by telephone if there are any questions about this Response or other issues that may be resolved in that fashion.

Respectfully submitted,

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